



DETROIT, MI:

In 2005, when the mayor of Detroit tried to cut essential operational funds for Coleman A. Young Field (DET) out of the annual budget, ASN volunteer Euel Kinsey waged an uphill battle against city hall with AOPA's help. The mayor's original budget proposal would have cut \$2.5 million in funds earmarked for the airport resulting in a 77% reduction in staff and a nearly 80% reduction in annual operational funds. Kinsey mounted a political and media campaign to educate the city council about the airport's importance to Detroit. In the end, the city council submitted a budget that included the \$2.5 million for the airport and overrode the mayor's veto. In 2017, a different Detroit mayor began a review of future uses of DET's land marking a renewed threat to the airport. Fortunately, Euel Kinsey is still the ASN volunteer there and is working with other airport advocates to preserve the airport.

SAN CARLOS, CA:

San Carlos Airport in California is under scrutiny by local residents and officials due to increased turbine flight operations. Noise complaints from the residents had spiked and the airport's sponsor, San Mateo County, was looking for relief. Understanding that noise complaints can lead to airport restrictions, ASN volunteer Carol Ford rose to the occasion. She brought all sides to the table, including the FAA and the County, to work on a solution. New flight paths which direct air traffic over less populous areas were created and tested. As of 2017, the residents are experiencing less aircraft noise and complaints about noise have reduced. Carol Ford continues to lead her airport support group, the San Carlos Airport Association, while educating public officials and the community about the value of San Carlos Airport.

IS YOUR AIRPORT PART OF THE AOPA AIRPORT SUPPORT NETWORK?

The AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and protecting community airports. The goal of ASN is to have an appointed volunteer at every public-use airport in the country to serve as an "early warning system" for local airport issues.

Visit www.aopa.org/asn to ensure that your airport has an AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer, or nominate yourself or someone you know and trust for this critical role.



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“THAT CAN’T HAPPEN AT MY AIRPORT...”

...but airports just like yours are under attack– even closing–across the United States.

Political pressures, greed and even pilot apathy are serious threats to GA airports. That’s why AOPA relies on dedicated pilots like you to be GA’s first line of defense. You and the AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) are AOPA’s local eyes and ears. You alert us to dangers that require monitoring or action. And you educate your neighbors and local leaders about the value of your community airport.

YOU AND AOPA PROMOTE, PROTECT AND DEFEND COMMUNITY AIRPORTS!

You love flying and care about your airport. You keep in touch with fellow pilots and with airport management and FBO staff. You like to know what’s going on in your community. That would make you an excellent ASN volunteer!

The number of public-use airports has declined dramatically in recent decades. More than 7,000 community airports thrived in the early 1970s. Today that number has dwindled to about 5,000. Thankfully, the rate of airport closures has slowed since the advent of the ASN program in 1997.

That’s still too many losses, but it shows that ASN volunteers are a force to be reckoned with when it comes to protecting our GA airports.

ASN is a network of like-minded pilots in all 50 states. Plus, you’re backed by the full and formidable resources of AOPA, ready to help you promote, protect, and defend your local airport. You’ll enjoy special recognition reserved just for ASN volunteers, as well as the knowledge that you are making a vital contribution to the future health of GA

DON’T WAIT FOR TROUBLE TO STRIKE!

Here’s how you can start to promote and protect your airport:

- Find out if there’s an ASN volunteer at your airport by checking the AOPA website (www.aopa.org/asn).
- If there’s already an ASN volunteer for your airport, contact him or her and see how you can help.

If your airport does not have a volunteer, submit a nomination for yourself or a fellow AOPA member to take on the important role of airport defender from our website.

DOES YOUR AIRPORT HAVE A VOLUNTEER?

ASN is seeking volunteers for every public-use airport in the United States. Threats to one airport can translate into dangers for hundreds of others. As an ASN volunteer, you’ll be a valuable colleague that helps to preserve your airport and encourage other pilots to do the same at your home field.

WHAT DOES A VOLUNTEER DO?

Volunteers have two basic duties:

1. Be “in the know” at the airport (e.g., attend airport meetings, participate in airport support groups, be in contact with airport management, etc.).
2. Alert AOPA to any issues that could threaten the airport.

To fulfill the ASN “promote, protect, and defend” mission, volunteers also:

- Share the value of the airport with the community.
- Help prevent incompatible construction near the airport.
- Work with AOPA when an airport is threatened.

ASN volunteers should be pilots based at the airport (whether they own or rent aircraft) at which they’re hoping to be appointed.

